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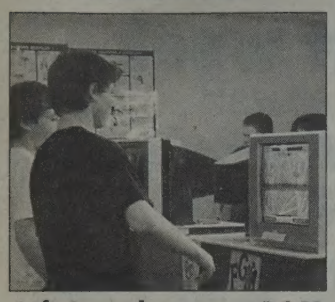

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Cookie crew kicks off annual campaign

Elk Point's Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Brownies and Sparks kicked off their annual Girl Guide Cookie campaign last Monday, with a mild spring evening for their blitz of the town's residential areas. The campaign continues throughout April and into May, if your home was missed when the cookie crew called. *Vicki Brooker photo*

Doc Walker concert a big finale for the 2006 Canada Day lineup

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

A group of Elk Point Elementary School parents intent on raising money for the school's new playground are providing a great finale for the Canada Day 2006 events lineup.

The group is bringing in country entertainer Doc Walker in concert for a 9 p.m. concert on July 1, for adults 18 and over, and are hoping to add other top country entertainment to the program. The A. G. Ross Arena has been booked for the concert.

A number of the events on the July 1 calendar already have been confirmed, the Canada Day committee learned at last week's meeting.

The day will begin with the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast, the parade route has been confirmed, and Deanna Easthope is waiting for word on a parade band.

Thomas Kondla is hard at work on the program for the afternoon stage show, and has already confirmed the attendance of Rising Star Tiffany Dowhan as the headliner for the show. Dowhan will provide a 45-minute show, and Kondla is seeking a variety of entertainment to fill up the roster.

Both the Elk Point Skating Club, who will run the arena concession, and the Christian Community Church, with their famous pie tent, have confirmed that they will be on hand again this year.

Children's entertainment is on the agenda again this year, thanks to the Elk Point Elks Lodge, Dwayne Yaremkevich confirmed at last Tuesday's meeting.

Representatives from the farm olympics planning group were unable to attend the meeting, but are expected to provide further details in the near future.

The fireworks show has also been confirmed.

The next task on the agenda is to raise the necessary funds to make this all possible. With a mere $7.26 in the bank, this might seem like a daunting task, but Canada Day chair Bernice Capjack and secretary -treasurer Easthope are confident that the community will come through in a big way when the fundraising letters go out later this month.

Chamber's train station at first-draft stage

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce members got their first look at plans for the proposed train-station-style multipurpose building at last Wednesday's regular meeting. Architect Paul Porcina and members of the building committee proudly showed off the design and asked for input on changes.

Loree Aarbo pointed out the two rental offices, a small office for the chamber, a two-storey-high foyer with fireplace, information / reception desk and staircase leading to the second floor. The fireplace also opens into the great room, from which French doors access the back portion of the all-around deck and the covered outdoor area at the west side.

Space is being allocated for a lift to make the 1,000 square foot upstairs boardroom fully accessible to those with limited mobility. Washrooms and kitchenettes will be located on both floors. A basement, accessible by both stairs and the lift, will provide a wealth of storage for extra chairs and tables as well as storage compartments for each of the tenants.

The lift is "definitely a good option," chamber member Jonny Nielsen noted, while president Sandy Smith agreed that it would make the entire building more user-friendly "for those of us who don't like stairs." Myron Goyan cautioned the committee to check out the cost of mandatory annual inspections for the lift.

Shop locally

Planning for the 2006 Shop Local campaign is underway, and Dwayne Odgaard said his four-member committee has had "a lot of great discussion" about the event, which will again continue through the month of June.

"We've discussed doing some things that are different this year," Odgaard said.

One of the proposed new features for the promotion is a flyer similar to the Christmas Extravaganza flyer, which would come out at the beginning of June and give member businesses an opportunity to advertise specials to kick off the event. Radio and newspaper advertising throughout the month will keep the campaign fresh in everyone's minds.

Draw boxes will once again be in businesses throughout the month, and this year, the prize is different. The committee has budgeted $1,000 to purchase gift certificates from member businesses and divide them into packages for the first, second and third prizes, with draws made on July 1. The gift certificates "will level the playing field" and ensure all businesses that take part will benefit from the promotion.

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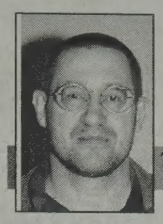
Community garage sale, car show June 3

Saturday, June 3 has been set for the chamber's annual community-wide garage sale. The committee from last year will announce registration details and added attractions in the near future.

Elk Point Auto Club's annual Show and Shine is also slated for June 3, and word has just been received that an Edsel owners' club is bringing their vehicles to town for the event, and will also hold their annual meeting here that weekend.

Community planning sessions coming next week

On Tuesday April 18th and Thursday April 20th, the Town of Elk Point Economic Development Committee, the chamber of commerce and the Town of Elk Point will be hosting a "Community Planning Session". Donations have also been received so far from Alberta Economic Development/HUB and Alta Gas. A full list of donors will be printed after the sessions have been completed. These will be done in a workshop style environment and will be a great time to get out and network with others in the community. These sessions will be held at the Seniors Centre and start at 7:00 p.m. sharp on both evenings.



thomas **KONDLA**

Town Council and Part-time EDO

These two sessions will be the most important four hours of the future of Elk Point. The purpose of these planning sessions is to clearly define what the community sees as priorities for the future of Elk Point and sets up a long-term vision for the direction we want our community to go. The more residents and the greater the cross-section of residents that come out to these two sessions the more concise and clear the plan will be.

These sessions will take into consideration the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of our community and with the help of facilitator Walter DeSilva will be turned into a concise set of goals for our future.

DeSilva has lived in the Stoney Lake area for approximately nine years and through CED Innovations is contracted to Alberta Economic Development to provide Economic Development courses to towns in rural Alberta. These courses have now spread to Ontario and the Yukon. DeSilva has been involved with developing long term community plans in many communities in Alberta and is looking forward to finally being able to be involved in helping Elk Point with its community plan.

This is a very important step in planning for the long-term growth and sustainability of our community and is an event everyone should have interest in. The sessions are open to anyone that wants to join in and participate in developing this plan. It is preferred if you can attend both sessions as they are a two part session with data collected the first night and priorities set at the second session but you can also attend either session if you wish.

This event is being fully supported by our mayor and town council and also by our county council. It is very important that we get the support of the community at this event. There will be coffee, tea, juice, water, fruit and doughnuts served as well as several door prizes each evening.

Please mark these two evenings on your calendar and if you can find the time to join us, we will be honoured with your presence. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration and I hope to see you at these sessions.

Chamber

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New entrepreneurs

Dan Bojarski, director of products and marketing, and Tim Bear, executive director of St. Paul Abilities Network (SPAN) visited Chamber to announce that SPAN has purchased the Elk Point Bottle Depot.

"We intend to be good corporate citizens, and to join the chamber, " Bojarski said, adding, "initially, we need to establish ourselves before we make any changes to the operation." Bear added, "we're just fresh at it now, and we have to get used to having the depot as part of our operation."

The new owners intend to keep the current staff and hire a manager. They have also applied for two summer student positions. They take over the business on May 1.

"We have been talking about future opportunities," Bear said, "but we need to understand the business before we can expand it."

SWOT

The economic development committee's SWOT sessions are coming up April 18 and 20, and Nielsen emphasized, "it's important for the whole area. We want seniors, teenagers, everyone. It's important to get input from all age groups."

"We want to get as many people as we can, so we get a good cross section of the population," Smith said.

EDO mandate

The economic development committee has announced their mandate. They will sit separate from both the town and the chamber, and will work hand in hand with both.

Garden group will meet tonight

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Further Education's Garden Group will hold their second session of the new season tonight, to share ideas, gardening knowledge and plans for the coming year.

The group is hoping to take part in several garden tours later in the season, once their own flowers and shrubbery are up and growing.

Anyone who enjoys gardening is welcome to join in. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at Elk Point Further Ed.

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Firemen's Ball gets good support

Hard at work on the Firemen's Ball planning committee are, front, left to right: Darryl O'Reilly, Rusty Berg, Mark Gormley, Robert Smith, Gary Brown; back row, left to right: Aleisha Birkett, Cindy Gormley and Sherry Smith. *VICKI BROOKER PHOTO*

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters' Association is getting a good response to their upcoming Firemen's Ball, especially when it comes to silent auction items.

"We have really nice auction items coming in," says planning committee member Sherry Smith, who adds, "we're at 35 items, and they're still coming in."

Robert Smith says community support for the event is "phenomenal" again this year, but there are still tickets available for "the hottest event in town."

The semi-formal evening, slated for Saturday, April 22, features a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing as well as the silent auction.

All profits from the event are going toward the Rescue Van replacement fund, which is currently sitting about $43,000 short of its goal.

Early Easter deadline

In order for our staff to enjoy the Good Friday and Easter Sunday long weekend, we are moving up our deadline for news and advertising for the April 18 issue.

Classified and display advertising deadline for next week's paper is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

We would appreciate all news submissions as early as possible this week, so that they can be included in next week's paper.

We wish a safe and happy Easter weekend to all our readers.

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Fee: $20.00
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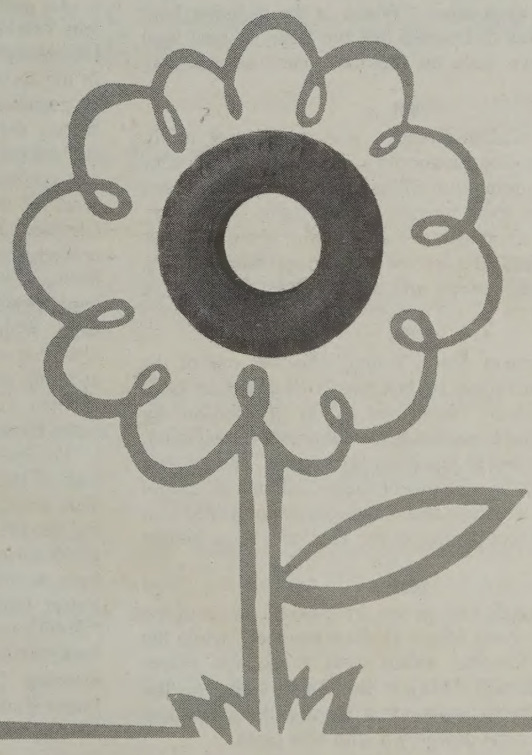
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Editorial

Wait for the gate

It's hard to predict the winner of a race when they haven't even hauled out the starting gate yet. Still, the paddock parade for the Alberta Conservative leadership is starting to get crowded.

Aren't these early contenders going to get tired of the whole thing before the race even begins? And how many more candidates, likely and unlikely, are going to join the throng by that time? Will there be enough cabinet left, once all the hopefuls have resigned to run for their boss' job, to keep the province running until a new leader is chosen and takes over the reins?

There are some advantages to the early resignations, of course. For one thing, their replacements will have an opportunity to test the waters in the various cabinet positions, and may even find their particular niche. For sure, they will bring new ideas to the offices they take over, even if their time there is short.

New ideas and new attitudes are not a bad thing for a government. Change and the possibility of more change keeps everyone on their toes and sometimes brings forth a new excitement and new enthusiasm that tend to be lacking when things stay the same for too long.

Still, is it really necessary to kick over the traces this early? Those who own racehorses know that there's a line at which warmed up turns into tired out, and those planning to run for the leadership should keep this in mind.

Way Back When...

Silver medals, student business and spruce-up

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Elk Point Review and the Lakeland Review for the week of April 11 in....

1986

Elk Point Co-op Peewees were home from their very first provincials with the silver medals after a loss to Mayerthorpe in the final game. Seventeen Elk Point Chamber of Commerce members spent a good part of their meeting asking each other, "Where 's the chamber banner?" when it was discovered that the large, fringed item had not been seen since the previous year's Canada Day celebration.

1991

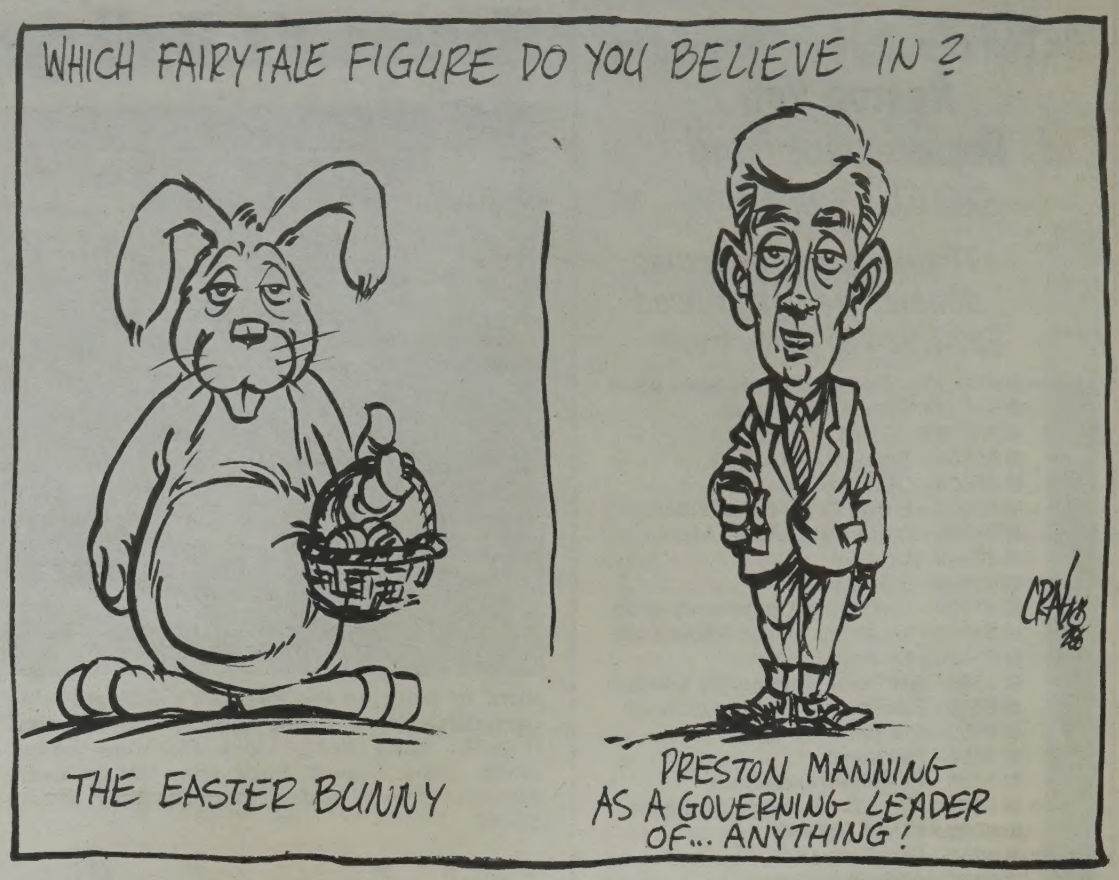
Darlene and Calvin Kozicky won the County of St. Paul's first-ever Conservation Farm Family award after incorporating n-minimum tillage, shelterbelt planing and air seeding into their operation. Elk Point Elementary School's grade six students were learning about business thanks to a Junior Achievement program sponsored by Norcen Energy Resources and the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce.

1996

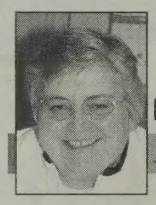
Teen entrepreneur Aaron Young, who was one of the young people involved in last year's "I Want to be a Millionaire" program sponsored by the St. Paul/Smoky Lake Business and Community Development Corporation, visited the Chamber to report on his success. School staff reductions of up to 12 percent were looming as school board secretary treasurer Jean Champagne confirmed that there would be cost-cutting in the face of a huge budget shortfall.

2001

Shane St. Arnault was named the 2000-02 coach of the year at the Elk Point Minor Hockey banquet, while the Alex Kurash Memorial award went to peewee player Nicholas Myshaniuk. Mayor Ed Buck came to the Chamber meeting to announce a grant to help business owners spruce up the downtown with new paint.



Happy Easter, everyone



deanna **EASTHOPE**
from the FCSS desk

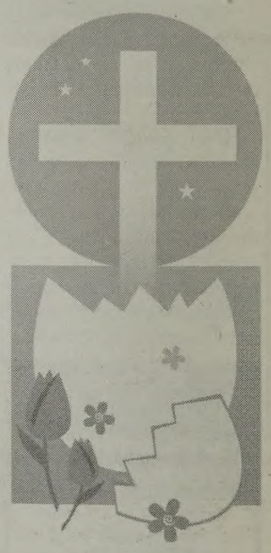
Bunnies, Coloured Eggs? Baskets and grass? Since when does the celebration of such a history-altering event as the Saviour's resurrection call for such seemingly unrelated traditions? As with most Christian holidays, Easter has had its share of secular twists and changes over the years. So here's a quick introduction to the beginnings of Easter and how it has changed over time.

As early Christians celebrated the resurrection of Jesus in the second century, pagans were celebrating the beautiful arrival of spring with an uproarious festival called Eastre. Named for the goddess of offspring and springtime, the Saxons used this annual holiday and feast to welcome the season of new bloom. As early Christian missionaries began having success converting tribes north of Rome, they needed to deal with their pagan heritage. Not wanting to offend, and to help new converts avoid persecution, they simply modified their Eastre traditions with the celebration of the resurrection. Since Christian celebrations were around the same time of year, and due to the increasing number of new converts, the changes that were made eventually took hold.. The early name Eastre was eventually changed to Easter.

The Easter basket has its origins in the old Catholic custom of bringing the Easter dinner to mass to be blessed. This actually mirrored an even older pagan ritual of bringing the first crops and seedlings to the temple to ensure a good season. The goddess Eastre, which means rabbit or hare, would come and bring the great bounty. The Catholic Easter basket custom , combined with Eastre's awaited "rabbit's nest" eventually evolved into the brightly coloured baskets filled with sweets to be left for children on Easter morning. Now about the bunny. Most people think the Easter Bunny is a modern American invention. Actually, the Saxons worshipped the goddess Eastre, through her earthly symbol, the hare. German immigrants brought the Easter rabbit symbol to America in the early 1800s. Since it seemed new and silly, it was widely ignored by other Christians until well after the Civil War.

As with the Easter Bunny and event he holiday itself, the Easter egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. Exchanging eggs in the springtime is a centuries-old custom that has been a part of Easter from day one. Throughout history, the egg has been a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in fancy gold leaf or, in the case of poor peasants, coloured brightly by boiling them with the vibrant leaves and petals of certain flowers or plants. They were then distributed to friends and family on Easter.

Prior to 325 AD, Easter had no official date and was often celebrated on different days of the week. In that same year, the emperor Constantine called together the Council of Nicaca and set the official day of Easter as Sunday. Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox. Without a doubt, Easter has become one of the most significant Christian holidays in the world. Many faithful Christians use Easter as a time to remember the sacrifice of Jesus and the hope His resurrection brings mankind. Although Easter didn't start out as a Christian holiday, it has been transformed over 2,000 years to become what it is today. So, to everyone on this important holiday, may you have a Happy Easter and may you reflect on its Christian meaning.



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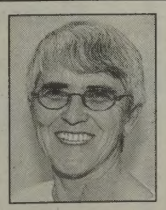

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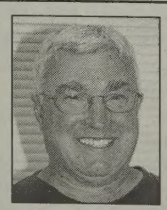

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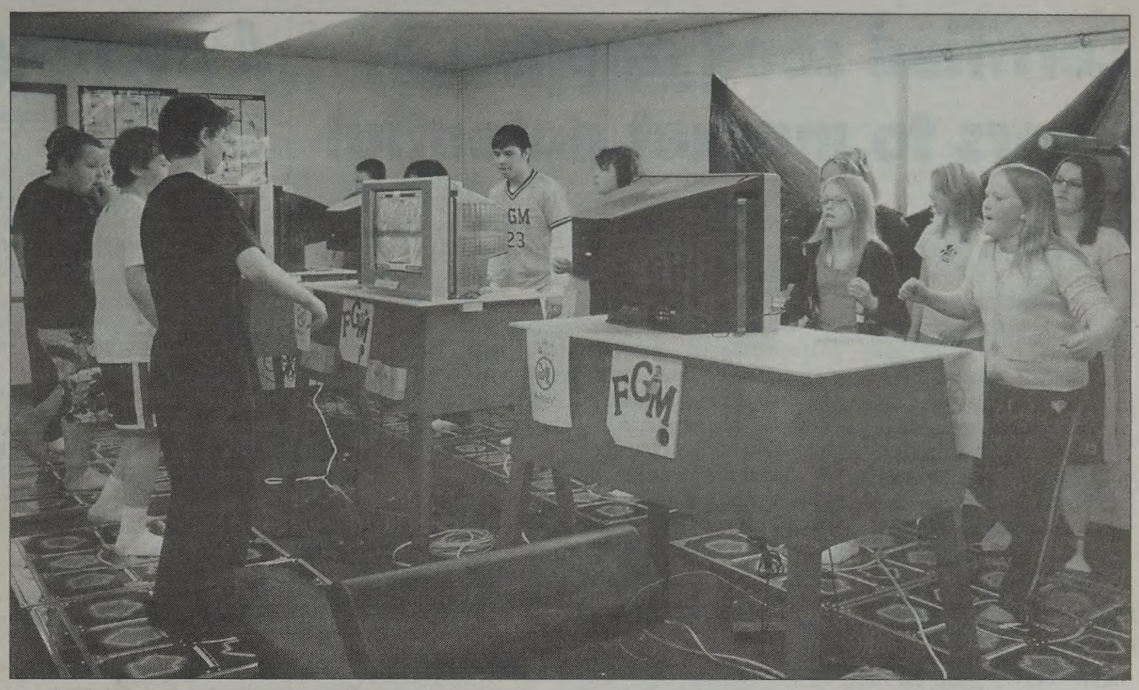
F.G. is the place to be!

By Colin Bjorkman
F. G. Miller High School

I'd like to take a minute of your time to let you know about some of the great things going on at F. G. Miller. I'll start with something completely new to F. G. Miller. It's called Dance Dance Revolution. What is it? Well, imagine a floor mat with directional arrows (left/right, up/down and diagonals) that is attached to a PlayStation 2 then connected to a TV. A student stands on the mat and mimics the moves that are running across the television screen in front as a dance song blasts out of the TV speakers. The purpose? Exercise, of course, and a lot of fun. If you don't think you can work up a sweat dancing on one of these units, guess again! There are multiple levels to move up as a person's skill increase and with two mats attached to each PlayStation students can battle head-to-head as points are racked up for good, excellent and perfect steps. Students love it! Mats are busy non-stop - morning, noon, after school and in gym classes. It's a huge success thanks to Mr. Casper (the idea man) and Mr. Aarts who help make it a reality. As well, Mr. Aarts and Mr. Shankowski gave up a large part of their spring break to build school coloured stands to house the equipment. Thanks guys!



These Grade 7 students discover that fancy footwork is what it takes to keep in time with the Dance Dance Revolution. We won't tell them it's good exercise, as well as great fun. *Vicki Brooker photo*

Meet Miss Lilly

Next up is Miss Lilly. That's right, Mrs. Bjorkman went to a librarian seminar in Edmonton and came back with a dual personality! Miss Lilly, with her southern accent, long blonde hair and velvet hat and coat, are livening up the library with Puzzle Mondays, free Crusader Cinema (book movies, of course) on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the ultimate for the week - Karaoke Fridays at 50 cents a song. What's the money for? Well, Miss Lilly plans to turn the library into something she calls "Café Read-a-Lot" "'Cause like hockey, you just cain't git good without practicin', honey". In essence, the concept is to recreate a "Chapters" feel in the library where students can enjoy a herbal tea or hot chocolate as they read in the comfortable "book nooks" that will be created or do homework and read at the "book bar" that will span the two glass walls of the library. Students can choose to look down the halls as they sip their tea or shut out the world by closing the sheer café curtains.

Hopefully, with local business and corporate sponsorship, lots of fundraising, time and hard of work, Café Read-a-Lot will become a reality. The fundraising will begin with Elk Point's first ever "Crusader Car Boot Sale" in the parking lot of the school on Saturday, June 3, 2006 (If it rains, the event will move into the gym). This event will be run in conjunction with the Community Garage Sale and the always-popular Car Show.

What is a car boot? Well, it is a garage sale out of the back of your car! It is a great way to sell off all the items you no longer have a use for. This is an excellent opportunity for those who feel they do not have enough items to host a full-scale garage sale at home, but still want to make some cash from these items. There will be approximately 20 stalls available. The concept is something Miss Lilly experienced in England in 1998. Just imagine - 50 cars all in a field with customers coming from miles around to buy a myriad of household items! All in all, this Car Boot Sale will be a great way to connect the town-wide garage sale with the car show. For further information, or to book a table, just call Miss Lilly (or Mrs. Bjorkman) at 724 3966. Thanks Miss Lilly!

Floor hockey gets rolling

Well...the Maples Leafs are all but done for the year, but "Da Leafs", my (Mr. Bjorkman's) senior high floor hockey team is just getting rolling. After being robbed in the finals by the Jets last year, I have high hopes my captain Ryan MacDonald can take the team all the way to the trophy. I'd like to thank Mr. Kiss for donating his lunch break each day to referee the junior and senior floor hockey league games. It's a thankless job, and he always takes a bit (ok, a LOT) of flack from the staff general managers (Mr. Bjorkman, Mr. Aarts, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Krys). Thanks Mr. Kiss!

Socks and sounds

Also, on slate before the end of June is an in-school 'sock hop' for the junior high students. Music will be supplied by CDs and the school's newly formed band, Previously Owned, will play a few tunes. Another event to look forward to is Sound Dragons, the school's annual rock concert. As the event is just in the early planning stages, a date has not been confirmed; however, it is confirmed that Mockteerah, a successful band of alumni, will participate in the show.

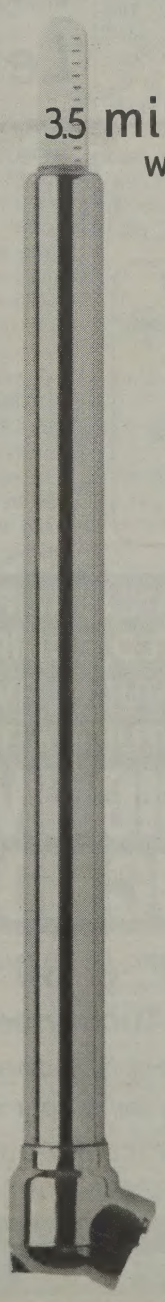
Basketball season was great

Basketball is officially over and thanks to the coaches, Mr. Aarts, Mr. Casper, Mr. Krys and Mr. Shankowski it was a great season, which ended with a lot of fun. The junior teams had a blast playing their parents in a fun after school game and the senior boys had a sleep over in the school with Mr. Casper. Mr. Aarts and I joined in the fun and had a great time, even though it took my muscles a week to recover from all the activity! A breakfast of pancakes, bacon, hashed browns and eggs was prepared and served in the morning before school. We all managed to survive the day even though hours of sleep ranged from two hours to five hours.

Badminton in full swing

With basketball over, badminton is in full swing. Mr. Boratynec is coaching the juniors and Mr. Kiss the seniors. Even though badminton season is short, we thank coaches for all the work and time dedicated to the students!

Teaching staff, support staff and administration are all working hard to make F.G. Miller an enjoyable experience for students. I'd like to thank all the staff for their efforts and hope you, the parents and community members, will do the same when you get a chance. Finally, one last large thank you to our principal, Mr. Wilson, the first in the building in the morning and last to leave at night. He's relentless in his efforts to help students and staff. Thanks Mr. Wilson!



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Certified seed opens doors to market potential

By Rick Love
Agricore United

As the growing season approaches, it's important for growers to remember that seed choice will play a significant role in the success of their 2006 crop.

Whether growers are seeding grains, oilseeds or any other crop, the goal is to maximize returns. Planting certified seed is one step growers can take to help reach this goal.

Certified seed gives growers better quality seed, cleaner seed, marketing power, access to the best varieties every year, and in some cases, a link into risk management programs.

Bags of certified seed carry a blue tag that signifies superior genetics, production efficiencies and increased marketing opportunities. With certified seed, growers are getting seed with the highest potential for uniform maturity, yield, quality and competitiveness against crop pests.

Certified seed is grown under stringent production requirements to ensure the highest level of genetic purity and minimal levels of contaminants such as weed seeds.

During the growing season, third party inspections in the field ensure all requirements for land use history, freedom from weeds and minimum isolation distances from other pollen sources are met, guaranteeing growers obtain the purest seed. These field inspections are followed with rigorous sampling and testing of the harvested and cleaned seed to verify germination, purity and freedom from seedborne diseases. With lower levels of weed seeds, for example, certified seed contributes to a cleaner crop, more efficient herbicide use and less dockage at delivery.

Certified seed also provides growers with the latest improved traits such as better yield, pest resistance, drought tolerance and herbicide resistance, helping reduce production risk. In Québec, certified seed use can also help growers obtain a better deal on crop insurance premiums because it signifies a high performance and quality crop with reduced risk. This idea is being explored in the rest of the provinces with hope of widespread adoption.

When it's time for growers to market their crop, the fact that it was grown from certified seed will play a beneficial role. With an increasing number of food processors demanding specific varieties for their products, certified seed can

open the door to new opportunities such as premium markets for canola oil that provides increased stability for frying at high temperatures. And, because certified seed is produced under strict control and quality assurance systems, it is fully traceable, providing assurance to food processors and consumers that food products produced from certified seed are pure and safe.

Growing certified seed also supports continued innovation. Royalties associated with certified seed are reinvested into industry-wide seed research and development. This helps public entities such as Agriculture and Agri-food Canada and Universities, and private companies continuously develop new and value-added seed options that can offer growers production and marketing benefits.

For more information on certified seed, growers can contact their local seed retailer, the Canadian Seed Growers Association or the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

Rick Love is the seed production and quality control manager with proven seed, the exclusive seed

A pasture you can count on

By Grant Lastiwka, Pasture Specialist
Ag-Info Centre, AAFRD and Western Forage Beef Group

Well managed pastures keep operational costs down and production and profits up. To be profitable, cow/calf and background operations should be structured around productive grazing systems instead of winter feeding systems.

Producers across western Canada, who changed from traditional pasture use to rotational grazing systems, were surveyed by the University of Manitoba. Eighty per cent of producers reported that livestock had a greater average weight gain; 91% reported greater pasture production quantity; 88% reported better pasture forage quality, and 53% reported lower over-wintering costs.

As might be expected, these gains came with a cost. Eighty-three per cent of respondents reported greater labor requirements, and 86% said they spent more time planning. However, for that investment, 88% reported that net farm income from their livestock enterprise was greater than under their previous grazing management system. The take-away: rotational grazing comes with costs, but it also pays more.

In research conducted by the Western Forage Beef Group (WFBG) at Lacombe, rejuvenated and well managed old-grass pasture produced more than twice the animal carrying capacity compared to similar old-grass pasture that did not receive management. Well managed pastures increased production in the seven years studied and showed less variation from year to year in contrast to continuously grazed, low input, old-grass pasture.

Grazing is cheaper than feeding stored winter feeds. Grazing, in fact, is half the cost of winterfeeding. In WFBG research, swath grazing instead of winterfeeding offered a savings of 60 cents per day. This figure was also supported by an Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development Economics Branch producer survey. Savings should be similar with a stockpiled pasture, but could be slightly more or less, depending on yields.

So we might ask why it is more cattle aren't grazed longer? Snow concerns could be the issue. But snow does not become a factor in grazing systems until it is too deep or too crusted for cattle to graze through. However, this usually happens sometime after traditional winter feeding has been occurring on most farms or ranches. In spring, snow leaves by about mid April, however most farms most cattle are still being fed through mid April often after the snow has melted. Therefore, the lack of pasture left for grazing in fall and early spring may in fact be the issue.

The question then becomes how can we produce more grass on the existing pastures with less variability from year to year? The answer lies in rejuvenating pastures through the use of pasture assessments, to find the problems. Thereafter, weed control, fertility and rotational grazing management can be used to rejuvenate the pastures and produce more forage. More forage means more animals can be grazed or each animal can be grazed longer on the same amount of acres.

As the research shows, there are lots of profitable reasons to manage the grass in your pasture. A pasture you can count on is a must for the low cost/high profit beef producer. The only way to achieve this is through pasture rejuvenation and planned grazing methods.

Let's make cancer history

The Canadian Cancer Society invites Canadians to join its team to help make cancer history. During April – the Society's Cancer Awareness Month – thousands of volunteers from coast to coast will be selling daffodils, knocking on doors and organizing special events.

"When people donate to the Canadian Cancer Society they become part of a strong, experienced team who are working together to make inroads into this devastating disease that touches so many Canadians," says Rene Gallant, President.

The Canadian Cancer Society focuses on five key areas to make inroads against cancer:

lobbying governments to pass policies to help create healthy communities (e.g., smoke-free legislation and banning cosmetic use of pesticides) and to create environments where people will find it easy to adopt healthy lifestyles;

informing people about what they can do to help prevent cancer;

funding excellent research on all types of cancer (the Society is the largest charitable funder of cancer research in Canada);

providing support for cancer patients and their families;

providing information about cancer to all Canadians.

"It's through a comprehensive approach that we'll continue to make progress against this disease," says Gallant.

The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is to eradicate cancer and to enhance the quality of life of people living with cancer. When you want to know more about cancer, visit our website at www.cancer.ca, or call our toll-free, bilingual Cancer Information Service at 1 888 939-3333.

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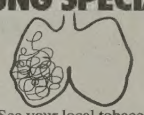

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Open to residents of communities served by AWNA member newspapers, the award will go to the nominee best exemplifying the volunteer spirit. Direct Energy will award the winner a $1,000 cash prize, and donate $5,000 to the winner's community organization/cause of choice.

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Calgary chuckwagon auction breaks $2 million

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede held their annual Tarp Auction last Thursday night in Calgary and companies came out once again to bid on a driver and win the right to advertise their company on his chuckwagon during the 10-day Calgary Stampede in July.

Once the last bid was taken the total sponsorship came in at a record $2,860,000. Under the new format, companies can advertise up to five logos on the canvas and it was anticipated prior to the auction that companies would take advantage of this opportunity and team up to get in on the action.

Former CPCA driver and 2005 Calgary Stampede Champion **Luke Tournier** was the first driver up for auction and he carried his winning ways into 2006 receiving the highest bid of the night when Halliburton out bid the competition to the tune of $140,000.

Ray Croteau Junior, who also spent some time on the CPCA Pro Tour received the second highest bid at $125,000 teaming up with Canalta and **Doug Irvine** rounded out the Top 3 partnering with B&R Eckels after the intense bidding finished at $115,000.

David Bensmiller will be one of four rookie drivers at the Stampede this year, joining his older brother **Kurt** and father **Buddy,** who is also a former Calgary Stampede Champion. David's rookie debut will be a memorable one as he received the fourth highest bid of the night when he partnered with the Marauders for $105,000.

The top CPCA drivers at the auction included **Ross Knight** partnering with the Kidz Wagon while brother **Jim** joined forces with the Border City Oilmen. **Gary Gorst** who turned the barrels last year to the chant of "Gary, Gary, Gary" from his 2005 sponsor Glover International will be back in their driver's seat again and **Shane Nolin** once again will be partnered with one of Calgary's top home builders "Albi Homes".

There were a few regular sponsors attending the auction that teamed up with a new driver for 2006 including four with a driver from the CPCA.

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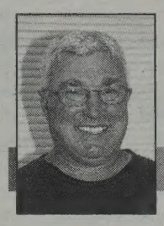
Bring out the bats!



doug **BASSETT**
Review Sports

This year the Midget Sox will be entering their 11th year of offering competitive baseball for boys (or girls) aged 15 to 18. Girls in Elk Point have traditionally played fastball, although we have seen quite a few girls play baseball on other town's teams the last few years.

A lot of talented young players have played with the Sox over the years and grown up to be fine young men, and the Sox have been fairly successful, winning a provincial gold medal in 2003 and making it to the semi-finals last year. They have also hosted the provincial final six times in the last 11 years, including hosting last year.

Last year, the bantam boys as well as the bantam girls also hosted provincials. Playing at this level offers kids a chance to have fun, get some exercise and develop teamwork. Another nice thing about baseball is the cost is very reasonable compared to some other sports. The season can be short if you wish to play only in the Lakeland League; the season ends the end of June. Or if your team wishes to compete in provincials you can add the month of July.

New Provincials format

Baseball Alberta has a new provincial format that started last year. The old provincial system was based on a town's population and provincials round robins were played three weekends in July, the top eight teams in single A, double A and triple A going to the final. In the new system, all teams start in the month of May playing games on the weekend in the same tier. After May they take a team's win/loss record and they are re-tiered and continue to play the weekends for the month of June. After June they are re- tiered again, and finally after three weekends in July, they are entered into four tiers, then the teams who make it to the finals, play one final championship weekend in their tier. This way, no matter how big or small your town is, kids get to play baseball at the level they belong and can still compete. Some years you may have a very strong team and play at a higher level, other years you may have a young team and are in a rebuilding year.

Also new is the community league provincial, which our bantam boys team entered last year. During May and June teams play in their house league, in July they play two weekends and then the championship weekend. This gave some more kids a chance to compete in a provincial final. Fastball provincials has a similar system where they play a weekend or two for their zone then go to the final.

Registration tonight!

Tonight you can register for ball at all levels at the A. G. Ross Arena from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration forms are available at both Elk Point Elementary School and F. G. Miller High School, and they may be dropped off at the FCSS office during working hours, Monday through Thursday, April 10 to 21. FCSS also has forms available and will be happy to take your registrations.

Want to coach?

Coaches as always are in demand, so sign up to help. Your kids will reap the benefits. See you there.

And now for the K.A. Campbell's quote of the week: " Fifty percent of the game is mental and the other 50 percent is being mental. I've got that part down no problem." Last week's answer to: " Hockey is like a religion in Montreal. You are either a saint or a sinner. There's no in-between."- Patrick Roy on his days with the Canadiens.

Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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YOUR ARE INVITED TO THE
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 7:30 P.M.
AGM will include elections for:
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We are also inviting applications for Community Committee members for the following:
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Items to be addressed at LICA's Annual General Meeting Include:
- Presentation of the 2005 Annual Report
- Community Board Member and Alternate Elections
- Bylaw Revisions

Individuals who wish may request a copy of the Bylaw revisions by email at lica2@lica.ca or in person at the LICA office (5006 - 50 Avenue, Bonnyville; Tues., Wed., Thurs. between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

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CPCA wagons

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St. Walburg's **Brian Laboucane** will be driving for the Mavericks who have been a long time Chuckwagon supporter. **Tim Haroldson** making his rookie debut will be sponsored by the Friends of Heritage Park. In 2005 Heritage Park raced to victory with **Luke Tournier** and with Tim's horsepower they could be back there again. BKDI Architects will be building a plan with Rapid View's **Vern Nolin** as they teamed up with the young gun to advertise their company later in July

Buddy Bensmiller's tarp sold for the sixth highest price of $$100,000 to World Financial Group. **Kurt Bensmiller's** went to Cascade Services Partnership for $75,000, the same price as **Ray Mitsuing's** tarp received from First Associates Investments.

The total auction was up over $700,000 versus 2005 while the average bid came in at $79,444 up $22,000 from last year.

Two other tarp auctions were held in March with Cold Lake hosting one March 28 and Wainwright hosting theirs on March 29. Companies from both communities came out to bid on their favorite driver and win the right to advertise their name on his wagon during the three-day show June 9-11 in Cold Lake and during the Wainwright Stampede June 22-25.

The Cold Lake auction raised just over $63,000 with 2005 Canadian champion driver Ray Mitsuing receiving the highest bid of the night when Mikes Oilfield out bid the competition to the tune of $6,00. Mitsuing who is a five time Canadian champion and Calgary Stampede aggregate champion won the 2005 Cold Lake show and will be looking to drive Mikes Oilfield to victory later in June.

The Border City Oilmen put their money behind Calgary Stampede Guy Weadick Award winner Jim Knight. Knight who resides in St. Walburg, Saskatchewan won day money in Calgary last year and finished second on the CPCA Pro Tour.

Like Cold Lake the Wainwright auction was also considered a great success as seven new sponsors purchased a wagon for the four-day show.

"That's the key," said CPCA driver director Shane Nolin. "If new sponsors come into the sport each year the sport will continue to grow and we can add even more value and excitement for the sponsors and the fans."

The final CPCA tarp auction will be held in Lloydminster April 12th where companies will bid to see who will advertise their company on a wagon during the Canadian championships later in August.

2006 crop protection Blue Book now available

Crop Protection 2006 contains the information producers need to help them make the best decisions on herbicides, insecticides and fungicides for their crops. The crop protection book is reviewed, updated and produced each year to give Alberta farmers the most current information on chemical treatments needs.

"Commonly known as the Blue Book, the publication is the most up-to-date guide of its kind," says Harry Brook, crop specialist and editor of the publication. "The guide includes new pesticide registrations, formulation changes, minor-use registrations and a complete guide to safety, including protective clothing and first aid."

Details on the latest registered mixes and mix restrictions, application tips, expected results, storage and first aid precautions are included in the guide along with a listing of the weeds, diseases or pests controlled by each chemical.

Some of the continuing features in Crop Protection 2006:

- an updated listing of pesticide container disposal sites with contact names and telephone numbers
- chemical group numbers on the same page as the chemical providing quick reference for herbicide-resistance management
- an updated chart on group classification by modes of action
- new pesticide registrations, new herbicide tank mixes and the new crop varieties for the new registrations
- a back cover featuring information on the Ag-Info Centre - a toll free information resource that Alberta producers are welcomed to access by calling 310-FARM (3276)

"As well as information on new chemicals, the latest registered mixes and expected results, the guide provides ideas, tips and directions for sprayer tank clean-out, chemical application, storage and first aid precautions," adds Brook. "Even though the Blue Book includes more information each year, the cost has been kept down. It's still only $10, plus GST, a great value that helps farmers protect their investments by helping them choose the right way to treat their crops.

"Identification, advance planning and proper use are important concepts in protecting crops. Arming yourself with up-to-date information is cost-effective and makes good sense."

Crop Protection 2006 is now available from Alberta Agriculture's Publication Office, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6, by calling toll free 1-800-292-5697 or calling toll free in Alberta 310-FARM (3276). The guide can also be ordered on-line. Cost of the guide is $10, plus GST. Shipping and handling cost per order is $2, plus GST.

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SUBMITTED BY RON ONUSKO
Contributor

You will discover that by listening to your child speak that you can find certain clues as to his or her having difficulty with language. The first clue may be a delay in speaking. A general rule among children is that they say their first words at age one. They speak in short phrases, me want or you go, from 18 months to two years. Children with problems many not say words until after 18 months and phrases after their second birthday.

Once a child learns to speak, difficulties in pronunciation, sometimes called "baby talk," should not go beyond five or six years. By five or six the child should have little difficulty saying most words. Typical mispronunciations either leave off first sounds (such as pisgetti for spaghetti or lephant for elephant).

Most preschoolers love to play games with sounds and with rhyming words. Three- and four-year-olds derive great glee out of hearing and repeating sounds, such as Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater and Hickory, dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock.

Children with language difficulties seem to be insensitive to rhyme. When food is asked if it rhymes with form, they cannot tell. When asked to listen to a group of words such as fun, bin, gun and run and then asked to select which word did not belong, they could not give the answer.

(From Overcoming Dyslexia by Sally Shaywitz)

Pick a book

The Inheritors by William Golding. This fascinating book by a British Nobel prize winner looks at the human situation about 30,000 years ago. The world and mind of the Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal man is pictured brilliantly in that it is a place where language skills, thinking ability and imagination are limited.

One group one day suddenly smells "the other." A more mild and unagressive tribe discovers a new being of greater prowess and much more capable of cruelty and warlike tendencies. How unequipped they prove to be against these others that they never imagined existed.

Golding presents a world full of wonder at its vegetation and structure. Fire is not understood, but serves a purpose. Hatred, fear, affection and meanness are here in this world of so long ago. The work is an attempt to render for us an inkling of where we come from in the order of things. It is not pleasant. A good read.

Pick a book

The InheritorsThe Cossacks by Leo Tolstoy. This short novel by the great Russian author has a particular interest for anyone whose grandparent or great-grandparent came from the Ukraine. Besides its love story of Marianka and Olenin is the setting in the late 1800s in a typical village in Ukraine.

You actually see how the village and its society works. You can smell the straw and dung fires' smoke. It is apparent how these villages are near empty during the day as the people work the out lands in their fields, gardens, orchards and vineyards. As they come home in the early evening , the villages come alive.

Chickens, landlords, Russians, Circassians and Cossacks live a blended life side by side. It is a different world that is dynamic and real. A good read.

Mark your calendar

The library's nest Seniors Tea is slated for Tuesday. May 2, at 2 p.m. This will be a special Mother's Day edition, so please join us.

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April 3, 2006

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It's a good start, but...

BY SCOTT HENNIG,
Alberta Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

For the upcoming fiscal year MLAs will be receiving 5.23 per cent more than they received last year. This is in addition to the 3.17 per cent raise they got last year and the 1.36 per cent they got the year before.

Should taxpayers be outraged at these pay-raises? Probably not. But don't worry, they still have reason to be upset.

These pay-raises are based on annual change in the Average Weekly Earnings of Albertans as calculated by Statistics Canada. In fact, this is the process the Legislative Assembly has used since 1999 after taxpayers were rightfully outraged when MLAs arbitrarily decided to raise their pay by 5 per cent.

Not only does using an independent third-party number for pay adjustments remove the conflict of politicians setting their own pay, it is completely transparent. Further, it reflects the economic realities of the citizens of Alberta by linking MLA wage increases to that of the people they serve.

Similar processes are followed at other levels of government as well. Our federal MPs adjust their pay to an average of settlements for large bargaining units from across Canada, the city councils in Edmonton and Calgary also use the Average Weekly Earnings of Albertans, and other municipalities link their pay adjustments to the inflation rate. Regardless, all of these mechanisms are independent and completely transparent.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the compensation structure itself.

In addition to their base salaries, many Alberta politicians receive a tax-free allowance, car allowance, retirement allowance and other various payments. This plethora of payments cloud true compensation levels.

This does not only include MLAs, but many municipal politicians from the largest cities to the smallest towns receive a smorgasbord of perks, payments and allowances. Most prevalent would be the provision allowing provincial and municipal elected officials to exempt up to one-third of their salaries from federal and provincial taxes.

Fundamentally, elected officials should be subject to the same tax laws as the people they govern. Most had no problem linking their annual wage increases to that of the people they govern, why not follow suit with the structure of their salary as well?

The various allowances and tax-free portions of the salary also make it very difficult for the average citizen to understand how much their elected officials are being paid. Is it enough? Is it too much? Without transparency it's impossible for most Albertans to make a reasonable judgement.

Currently, MLAs receive one-third of their $71,224 salary tax-free. However, if made completely taxable, it would actually be $83,121. This doesn't include their $9,000 RRSP allowance, car reimbursement, or any pay for committee work.

Many municipal politicians across Alberta receive same. Edmonton city councillors also receive one-third of their salaries tax-free, a partially tax-free car allowance, a partially tax-free retirement contribution, and a partially tax-free deputy mayor allowance. While they advertise their salaries to be $63,638, a fully-taxable equivalent is equal to $85,110.

This process should stop. All salaries should be converted into their fully-taxable equivalent as has been done across Canada. MPs eliminated their tax-free portion a few years ago. Ontario, BC, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia also have eliminated any tax-free money for their politicians. It's now time for Alberta to follow suit.

Hello from Heritage Lodge

BY KATHY BERLINGUETTE
Review Contributor

Hello again from the Elk Point Heritage Lodge. Here at the lodge we have been keeping ourselves busy over the winter months, with our usual routines plus a lot of help from groups who entertain, enrich and uplift our lives.

Our annual Christmas supper included music by Janet and Roy Cousineau, Clarence Smith, Judy and Clayton Gambler, along with numerous door prizes and a silent auction, which was a huge success. Family and friends supported this fundraiser for the auxiliary with great enthusiasm. Our auxiliary has been struggling with our dwindling members, so this success was a great morale booster for us. We welcome any and all family and friends to join our auxiliary, just contact the Lodge for further information.

This year we decided to change our Easter dinner with an Easter brunch. This was a big hit with the crowd. There was plenty of time to visit and enjoy the musical styles of Babe Sharkey, Grace Meger and Gus Dion.

The theme for Seniors' Week this year is "Stepping into Alberta's Second Century." This is being held the week of June 5 to 11. Following Seniors' Week, there is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

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Celebrating Easter around the world

In Europe, during the Middle Ages, it was forbidden to eat eggs during Easter Lent. Eggs thus became a highly prized food staple when the time came to celebrate.

Happy Easter! from the English community. In England, children go from house to house collecting Easter eggs. In Holland and in France, children young and old also enjoy traveling through villages hunting for Easter eggs.

Frohe Ostern! from the German community. It's in Germany that we first associated Easter eggs with the Easter bunny to celebrate spring. Children make nests that are placed in the garden at night. In the morning, the nests are filled with multi-coloured eggs. It is also in Germany that the first edible Easter bunnies originated. These bunnies were made of pastry and sugar instead of chocolate.

Schastlivoi Paskhi! from the Russian community. The most famous and most precious eggs are, unquestionably, those created by Peter Carl Fabergé. In 1884, the Czar Alexander III asked him to create an Easter egg. The egg was covered in gold with white enamel and contained a miniature chicken. Fabergé created a total of 44 eggs for the Czar and his son, Nicholas II. To this day, Russian Orthodox traditionally have the Church bless their eggs which they then cook for their Easter breakfast.

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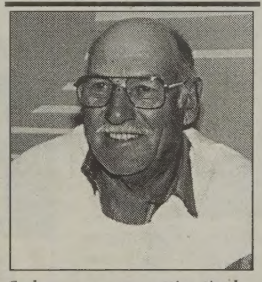

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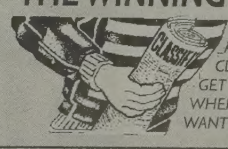

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Budget disappoints school boards

By Rachel de Waal
Journal Staff

Local school boards aren't impressed with the education monies announced in this year's provincial budget.

The increase in funding of about three per cent for 2006-2007 won't keep up with rising expenses, says Réginald Roy, school board chair for the East Central Francophone Education Regional.

"We're a little disappointed," said Roy. "The costs of maintenance and fuel are outpacing what we're getting from the province. That is of major concern to us."

Doug Yeo, superintendent of the St. Paul Education Regional Division, agrees that the funding might not be enough.

"It's a hold-the-line budget for us," said Yeo. "No increases and possible decreases. If we start to lose a number of students, then we're in trouble."

However, he says SPERD will go through the budgetary process before getting too concerned.

Roy attended a meeting between the education minister and school board chairs March 24 and said many felt let down with the lack of infrastructure money.

> "It's a hold-the-line budget for us. No increases and possible decreases. If we start to lose a number of students, then we're in trouble."
> – *Doug Yeo*

Although funds were allocated for infrastructure, they had been previously announced and will just be spent in the new fiscal year.

"I've heard from school boards across the province that have burgeoning needs for infrastructure," said Roy. "The longer we wait, the worse it will be."

Yeo was concerned the budget didn't put money into kindergarten or junior kindergarten.

"That's a big disappointment for me," said Yeo. "It gives more time for literacy for our kids, and of course it pays off later on."

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